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### **DTSC Certifies Cleanup of the Fieldstone Property near Huntington Beach**

Cypress – The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced certification of the hazardous substances cleanup at the Fieldstone Property in Orange County near Huntington Beach. The 42 acre site, located at the north end of Graham Street, received an “unrestricted use” certification and the planned wetlands restoration work can now move forward. DTSC’s “unrestricted” certification is the department’s most conservative assessment and means that all environmental clean up activities required by the final cleanup plan approved in December 2004 are complete.

“We are pleased to announce that the cleanup of the largest wetland restoration project in Southern California is complete. This cleanup is consistent with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger’s environmental action plan to support collaborative wetland restoration efforts through partnerships throughout the state,” said Leonard Robinson, Acting Director of DTSC.

In July 2005, the State Lands Commission entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Hearthside Residential Corporation, the property owner. The State Lands Commission will include the Site in the Bolsa Chica Wetlands Restoration Project.

DTSC issued a Consent Order to Hearthside in July 2002 that required the investigation and cleanup of the Site. The Consent Order and other supporting documentation can be found at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov). Hearthside performed and paid for the site investigation. Under the terms of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, the State Lands Commission and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service performed the cleanup.

The site has been owned by Hearthside Residential Corporation since 1997 and has remained unused except for limited use in agriculture and oil field operations. Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) were discovered when the State Lands Commission had soil samples collected on the Site in 1998 as part of the Bolsa Chica Lowlands investigation.

Past illegal dumping of debris or transformers is believed to be the source of the PCBs that were found on the Site. Approximately 8,645 cubic yards of PCB-contaminated soils were excavated from a two-acre area and disposed at permitted, off-site landfills.

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*The Department of Toxic Substances Control’s mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.*